WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2010

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session in the Lower Level Conference Room of City Hall on January 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Police Merit Commission President Leverenz called the meeting to order and presided.

PRESENT: Commissioners Corrigan, Leverenz, Suitor, and Troyer.

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Counsel Brooks, Police Chief Dombkowski, and Dr. James LeBreton, Associate Professor, Department of Psychological Sciences, Purdue University.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Corrigan moved approval of the minutes of the October 12, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suitor. The minutes were approved as distributed. Commissioner Troyer moved approval of the minutes of the December 14, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suitor. The minutes were approved as distributed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Suitor nominated Commissioner Troyer to serve as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corrigan. There was no opposition. Commissioner Troyer was elected by acclamation.

Commissioner Troyer nominated Commissioner Corrigan to serve as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Suitor. There was no opposition. Commissioner Corrigan was elected by acclamation.

Commissioner Corrigan nominated Commissioner Leverenz to serve as President. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suitor. Commissioner Leverenz was elected by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Dr. James LeBreton provided a status report of his activities regarding the promotional exams. Discussion ensued. Commission President Leverenz asked Police Chief Dombkowski to report to the Police Department that the specific date for the promotional exams would be announced in advance, about a month before the test date.

B. Commissioner Corrigan reported on the screening of candidates for probationary officers.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Police Chief Dombkowski presented a letter of recommendation to fill the Lieutenant vacancy with Sergeant VanVactor. Commissioner Troyer moved to accept the Chief's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suitor. Chief Dombkowski reviewed Sgt. VanVactor's background for the Commission. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. There will be a promotion ceremony for Sgt. VanVactor in City Hall Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m. on January 12.

B. Chief Dombkowski provided copies of the Department's December report. He noted that Captain Leroux graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University in December.

- C. Police Chief Dombkowski announced a diversity forum which will be held Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. at IV Tech with representatives from local law enforcement agencies.
- D. Chief Dombkowski mentioned that Probationary Officer Matt Thompson is due back in about two weeks. He will continue the Field Officer Training program and will attend the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. He has 241 days remaining in his probationary status.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING

February 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Corrigan moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Troyer seconded the motion. By consensus of the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Larry Leyerenz

President

Bob Troyer Secretary